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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a four-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 26, 2004, said period of response being extended from February 26, 2004 to June 26, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account number 13-2725 in the amount of \$740.00 is to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

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